

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 940

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jennifer Shea Cooke,
2002 Valedictorian of Union County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Shea Cooke is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Union County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Cooke has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Jennifer Shea Cooke has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; she is an All-American Scholar and is on the National Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooke is a recipient of the National English Merit Award, the National Science Merit Award, has had a poem published in *A Celebration of Young Poets*, and is listed

in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; she was elected Vice President of her Senior class; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Shea Cooke is an energetic and well-rounded individual who played basketball for four years and volleyball for two years; she has been active in the Beta Club, the Science Club, FCA, the Foreign Language Club, and FCCLA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooke gives of her time and energy to the community, having volunteered as a nursing home visitor for four years, being active in the Angel Tree program for four years, as well as participating in trash pick-up, the Bowl-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis, Back to School Packs for elementary children, the Salvation Army Drive and tutoring; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Shea Cooke's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she has received Academic Work Scholarships to Roane State Community College and Walters State Community College and plans to attend either one of those institutions or East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooke's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Shea Cooke's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Union County High School Valedictorian, Jennifer Shea Cooke, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.